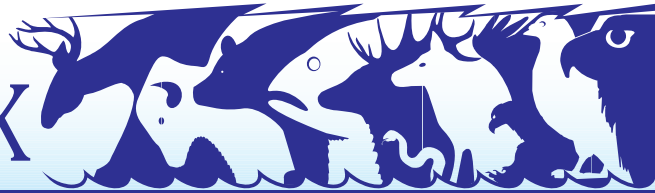


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Department of Interior rescinds 2008 off-reservation gaming decision

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

Speaking at a meeting of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) held in Milwaukee on June 13, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Larry Echo Hawk, affirmed that he has rescinded a 2008 memorandum that limited the ability of Native tribes across the United States to expand their off-reservation gaming enterprises.

In January of that year, the Department of the Interior notified 11 tribal governments that their applications for off-reservation casinos were going to be rejected, in part because of the distance between the reservation and the proposed casino site. Officials believed that Indians would not directly benefit from jobs created at off-reservation sites and must have to leave their

homes on the reservation to gain employment.

At that time, Associate Secretary of the Interior Carl Altman stated "although IGRA (Indian Gaming Regulatory Act) was intended to promote economic development of reservations, it was not intended to encourage the establishment of Indian gaming facilities far from existing reservations."

In announcing that he was rescinding the 2008 memorandum, Echo Hawk stated the Department will now move forward to process pending off-reservation gaming applications pursuant to current federal law and existing regulations, which set forth a number of criteria that must be met before an off-reservation gaming application can be approved.

Echo Hawk noted the decision follows meetings held with tribal leaders from across the United States last fall. "Our balanced and considered approach to

reviewing off-reservation gaming applications was affirmed during deliberate consultation with tribal leaders," he said. "The 2008 guidance memorandum was unnecessary and was issued without the benefit of tribal consultation. We will proceed to process off-reservation gaming applications in a transparent manner, consistent with existing law."

The ruling could affect the Nation's interest in opening a casino in Lynwood, IL, about 300 miles away from the Executive Office in Black River Falls. In March 2006 the Nation did submit a letter of application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs asking that land it owns in Lynwood, IL be placed in trust for gaming purposes under the IGRA.

Other Wisconsin based tribes who could be positively affected by the announcement are the Menominee Tribe who is seeking to build a casino at the site of the former

Dairyland Greyhound Track in Kenosha and the Stockbridge-Munsee, who have long sought to build a casino in New York State.

Provisions in IGRA and existing regulations state the tribes seeking to operate off-reservation gaming facilities need to satisfy three independent and distinct requirements.

A news release issued by the Department of the Interior following Echo Hawk's announcement listed those requirements.

"One requirement is the tribe generally must have land acquired in trust by the Department for the benefit of the tribe. In addition, the tribe must receive a positive determination from the Department that off-reservation gaming is in the best interest of the tribe and not detrimental to the surrounding community. The tribe also must have concurrence from the Governor of the state in which the gaming facility would be located.

Public comment is sought and considered during this process and local communities have several meaningful opportunities to provide input on a tribe's application for off-reservation gaming, as well as for the acquisition of land to be put into trust on behalf of a tribe. Finally, the tribe must enter into a tribal-state gaming compact to govern the conduct of gaming at the proposed facility. Many states require gaming compacts to be approved by the State Legislature."

In the 23 years since IRGA's enactment, five tribes have gained approval to operate off-reservation gaming enterprises.



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Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature places Rep. Pettibone on administrative leave

Submitted by
Anne Thundercloud

The Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation placed Representative Clarence Pettibone on Administrative Leave on Friday, June 17, 2011, pending the resolution of indictments handed down late Wednesday by a Federal grand jury against Pettibone and two other individuals. Pettibone's current term in the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature ends on July 5, 2011, and he did not run for re-election;

so the Leave is expected to last until his Legislative term expires.

"In light of these serious charges, the Legislature wanted to move swiftly and fairly to protect and ensure the integrity of the Ho-Chunk Nation government and businesses," Ho-Chunk Nation Vice-President Daniel Brown said Friday, June 17, 2011.

"In addition, we want to assure Ho-Chunk Nation members, our employees,

our business partners, and the public that these charges and alleged activities in no way reflect or represent the actions of our Legislature, our government, or the Ho-Chunk Nation as a whole."

The Legislature met in emergency Special Session today to address the recent charges brought against Rep. Pettibone by the U.S. Department of Justice and

to express their concerns directly with Rep. Pettibone. Under the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution, the Legislature has the authority to address issues related to individual Legislators and to take appropriate steps to address those issues. While mindful that the charges are only accusations at this point and that Rep. Pettibone deserves the presumption of innocence

afforded to all citizens under the U.S. Constitution, the Legislature was compelled to take this action in the best interests of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Putting Rep. Pettibone on Administrative Leave until this issue can be resolved protects his own rights as well as the overriding interests of the Ho-Chunk Nation, its people, and its partners.

Ho-Chunk Nation statement on Federal Indictments

Submitted by
Anne Thundercloud

Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland today released the following statement about the June 15, 2011, actions by the U.S. Department of Justice:

"The Ho-Chunk Nation is saddened and concerned by these very serious charges that have been made by the Federal grand jury against three individuals, two of whom are Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members. We take very seriously the integrity of our government, our many businesses, and our tribal members."

"This matter is currently before the Federal courts, and in the best interests of the Ho-Chunk Nation, we hope that it is resolved swiftly and fairly."

"These charges are being made against three specific individuals and are in no way an indictment of the Nation as a whole, its government, or its businesses. The government of the Ho-Chunk Nation will take appropriate steps to monitor developments, review the situation, and take action as necessary in the coming days, weeks, and months to maintain and guarantee the integrity of the Ho-Chunk Nation."

Spiritual Advisor in need

Aho! My name is Ian. I apologize for expressing these words to all my elders.

I am from Black River Falls and was recently incarcerated. I apologize to the Ho-Chunk people for my actions as we are a whole and what one does affects us all.

I came to Jackson Correctional which unfortunately has a big native population for prisons. They allow us to smudge and do a pipe ceremony and sing on the drum weekly. They also allow monthly sweats. Our spiritual advisor passed away last year due to diabetes. Since his passing our new spiritual advisor comes from Green Bay and can't make our sweats most months because of the distance.

We are asking if there is anyone willing to come to Jackson Correctional to run our sweats and be our spiritual advisor. The D.O.C. compensates you for mileage and housing costs.

The security here has no knowledge of native culture. Security staff recently asked one of the native men if there were "gang songs" being taught on the drum. That's

the extent of their knowledge here. Our spiritual advisor now won't educate the staff due to the distance he lives from here. We need a person who will stand for our spiritual needs and to help educate the native inmates too.

The drum is also a big educator here and it changed lives as well as mine. A fellow Ho-Chunk who was released taught our group many Ho-Chunk songs that we still sing today. Your songs are needed. Our healing has begun and your knowledge is needed.

We were wrong in what we did to get here. We were wrong to have brought shame on our Nation. We have made mistakes but do we not all make mistakes in our path of life? We humbly and respectfully ask for your spiritual guidance.

Pina gi gi
Respectfully,
Ian

If interested contact:

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N6500 Haipek Road
P.O. Box 233
JCI, Black River Falls, WI
54615-0233
Phone: 715-284-4550

8th Annual Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services
Family Wellness Retreat
August 10 and 11, 2011
"Strengthening Our Communities for a Healthier Tomorrow"

Registration Time
August 10, 2011 -- 4 to 6 p.m.

<u>Free Rooms</u> For participants driving more than 50 miles	<u>Family Event (Required)</u> August 10, 2011 - 6:30 to 8 p.m.	<u>Buffet Dinner</u> 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. <u>Free Child Care</u> During Conference For ages 0 to 7
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Conference
August 11, 2011 - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All participants must register by June 24, 2011 or until participant number is 400. No exceptions. Space is limited.

To register, contact Katie Funmaker at (888) 343-8190 or (715) 284-2622 Ext. 5103 or Tammy Crowder at Ext. 5125

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Registration Form

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This Family Weekend is being sponsored by the
Ho-Chunk Nation's SDPI Programs.
Please return registration form to Karena Nichols at the
Ho-Chunk Healthcare Center on or before June 30, 2011



BRF Radical Runners complete second Ragnar Relay

By Kathleen Clemons, MS, CES, RCEP

Luckily for the Black River Falls Radical Runners, Mother Nature decided to cooperate. After several days of record heat and humidity, the temperature dropped significantly and provided great running conditions for the 197 mile relay race from Madison to Chicago held on June 10th and 11th.

Last August the team completed their first 193 mile relay from Winona to Minneapolis (Great River Race). When the Madison to Chicago race was announced, the team wanted to give this one a try. The team consisted of twelve runners who ran

three different times over the course of the race. Total distances for each runner ranged from 12.6 miles up to a total of 20.7 miles (the total distance is divided into three runs ranging from 2.5 to 9.9 miles). The race operates in a leap frog pattern with all twelve runners completing their first leg and then repeating this pattern two more times. The team ran all day and night until the finish line was reached. The team completed the 197 mile race in a time 30:14:31.

There were 362 teams signed up and great team spirit was displayed throughout the event. People were dressed up in all sorts

of costumes, wore crazy hats, decorated their vans and were just out to have a good time during this race. Teams cheered each other on and runners were encouraging to each other along the race route, truly a great experience in sportsmanship.

Some of the team members in the picture cannot participate in the Great River race in August but other runners have been added to the team to complete the Winona to Minneapolis journey. The team will consist of all Ho-Chunk Nation employees and tribal members and they are ready for the challenge.



The Black River Falls Radical Runners would like to thank all of their sponsors: Sunset Tavern, Sand Creek Brewery, Jon Stowe, Perry Creek Cranberry Corporation, Riverside Auto, Riverview Inn Supper Club, Zingg Design and Ripp Distributing. The runners would also like to say a special thank you to the four van drivers who transported them to their exchanges: Steve Garvin, Shelly Kagigebi, Andrea Rockney and Kaye Henrickson.

American Cancer Society's tips to limit sunlight exposure

With summer finally here, many of us are looking forward to spending more time outside in the sun. Weather on the beach, on a golf course, or just relaxing in the yard, we all need to be aware of the protection needed when exposed to the sun's UV rays.

Although people with light skin are much more likely to have sun damage, darker skinned people, including Native Americans, can also be affected. While sunburns are thought to increase a person's risk of skin cancer, especially melanoma, UV exposure, even without causing sunburn can raise skin cancer risk.

Some people think about sun protection only when they spend a day at the lake, beach or pool. But sun exposure adds up day after day and it happens every time a person is in the sun. While exposure to the sunlight helps the body make Vitamin D to stay healthy, too much sunlight can be harmful.

As part of its Cancer Education and Wellness Curriculum for American Indian and Alaskan Communities, the American Cancer Society's **Circle of Life** suggests taking the following steps to limit exposure to UV rays.

Cover up: When people are out in the sun, they should wear clothing to protect as much skin as possible. Long-sleeved shirts, long pants or long skirts cover the most skin and are the most protective. Dark colors generally provide more protection than light colors. A tightly woven fabric protects better than loosely woven clothing. Dry fabric is

usually more protective than wet fabric.

Use sunscreen: A sunscreen is a product that is applied to the skin for some protection against the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays. Sunscreens are available in many forms; lotions, creams, ointments, gels, wipes and lip balms, to name a few. Choose a sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or higher.

Wear a cap or hat: A hat with a least a two to three-inch brim is ideal because it protects areas often exposed to the sun, such as the neck, ears, eyes, forehead, nose and scalp. A shade cap, that looks like a baseball cap with about seven inches of fabric down the sides and back, is also good. A baseball cap can protect the front and top of the head but not the back of the neck or ears, where skin cancers commonly develop. Straw hats are not recommended unless tightly woven.

Wear sunglasses: Sunglasses that protect UV rays can help protect the eyes from sun damage. Check the label of the sunglasses to make sure they absorb both UVA and UVB rays. Some labels may say "UV absorption up to 400 nm." This is the same as 100 percent UV absorption. The sunglasses to not have to cost a lot to have UV protection.

Limit midday exposure: UV rays are most intense during the middle of the day, usually between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. To determine the sun's intensity, follow the shadow test. If a person's shadow

is shorter than they are, the sun's rays are the strongest. If possible, stay out of the sun at this time. If you must be outdoors, protect your skin.

Avoid tanning beds and sunlamps: Tanning beds and sunlamps give out both UVA and even UVB rays. These rays can cause serious long-term skin damage and contribute to skin cancer.

Protect children from the sun: Children need special protection since they tend to

spend more time outdoors and burn more easily. Parents and other caregivers should be sure their children wear clothing, hats, sunscreen and sunglasses to protect them from harmful UV rays.

Check the skin: Along with having a health provider examine a person's skin each year, a person should also check their own skin once a month. Some parts, for example, on the back, may be difficult to see and a

family member or friend can help. The first time, a person should spend a fair amount of time going over the entire skin. Learning the pattern of one's own moles, freckles, blemishes and other marks on the skin will help notice any changes. When any concerns arise, contact a health care provider.

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to reserve your place in the Diabetes Wellness Clinic for you and a friend.

8:30-9:00 A.M. An educational presentation on a diabetes related topic will be provided along with breakfast!

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A unique and special place

Local group preserves Whitewater Effigy Mounds

Submitted by Carol Christ
Member Whitewater Lands
Commission & Friend of
the Effigy Mounds

On Saturday May 28, the Landmarks Commission and Friends of the Effigy Mounds held a presentation at the Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve, part of the Archaeology Month celebration.

Those attending the celebration heard Kori Oberle, Director of the Hoard Museum in Fort Atkinson and Rob Nurre, Chair of the Wisconsin Archeological Society describe these mounds as a real treasure.

Oberle explained the history of mounds, particularly the late Woodland groups in

southeast Wisconsin. She invited everyone to explore the mounds of the region and visit the Hoard Museum to see an interactive program "Mysteries of the Mounds."

Nurre stressed the uniqueness of the mounds group in Whitewater. Built near springs, the group features 13 mounds, some conical, some oblong or linear or in the form of birds, a panther, a turtle and a mink. He noted there is a possibility of an intaglio (a shape dug into the ground) at the northwest end of the preserve. The only other known remaining intaglio in the world is in Fort Atkinson.

Following the presentation, Friends of the Effigy Mounds

a UW Professor, used aerial infrared photography to confirm two mounds in a cultivated area on the west side. The State of Wisconsin Burial Sites Preservation Law, passed in 1985, protects all 20 acres of the site.

Because the site is protected, a 10-foot buffer separates it from neighboring homes. It was recently learned that one homeowner had built a fence on one of the mounds and other homeowners have extended their lots onto the preserve. The Landmarks Commission and Friends of the Effigy Mounds will continue to work to insure that the boundaries and buffer zone are adhered to.

This is not the first time the mounds have been in harm's way. In 1973 the Wisconsin Department of Transportation had plans to build a highway right through the mound group. At the last minute the City of Whitewater bought the 20 acres to save the mounds and the area was officially named Indian Mounds Park.

In 1991 the Maples Mound Group was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 1994 it was formally recognized as a local landmark.

In 2006, the city purchased the five acres on the west, saving the mounds discovered by Stelkel.

Currently the Landmarks Commission and the Friends of the Effigy Mounds have joined forces with the Whitewater Parks and Recreation Board to preserve the mounds. What began a

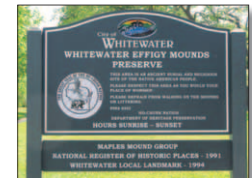


Wisconsin Archeologist Society Chairman Rob Nurre describes the site a special place.

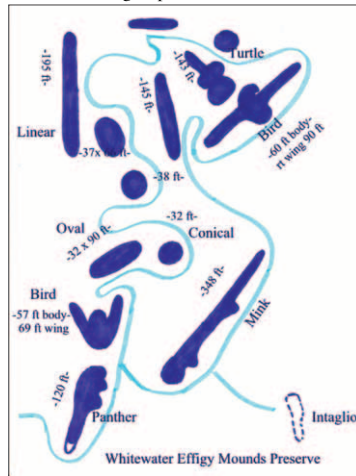
an effort to rename the site to Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve and limiting the visiting hours to the site, has grown into a long range preservation and maintenance plan. The Restoration Proposal, still in the draft stage, will not be final until approved by the Whitewater City Council. When approved, the Landmarks Commission and the Friends of the Mounds plan to offer educational opportunities and programs for visitors to the site.

Volunteers and city staff members have cleared brush and vegetation around the site. In April 30 students from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater joined the cleanup during the city's annual "Make a Difference Day." On April 25, the first of several controlled burns was held to encourage the growth of native vegetation while destroying invasive plants.

Recently, the City of Whitewater dedicated a new sign marking the site. The sign was made possible, in part, with a donation from the Ho-Chunk Nation. The sign features the new name, Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve along with the Great Seal of the Ho-Chunk Nation. It reminds everyone that this is an ancient burial and religious site to be respected by all who come to this unique and special place.



A new sign greets visitors to the Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve.



The layout the Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve.

HAGA holds Littlejohn Memorial Tournament

Submitted by Gary Hall, HAGA member
Temperatures reaching the mid 80's greeted 53 golfers who participated in the **15th Annual Littlejohn Memorial Golf Outing**, held June 4 at the Valley High Golf Course near Hokah, MN.

The annual event is held in memory of Edward, Warren, Woodrow, Howard and Lawrence Littlejohn, who served their country during World War II.

Twelve adult teams competed for flag events, skins and trophies. First place went to the team of Herb Cleveland, Richard Zidich, Lorinda Bird and Dan Bird who shot a seven-under par score of 64.


Five youth participated, played nine holes and posted individual scores. The low score was shot by Trenton Littlegeorge. Other youth participating were; Courage Cleveland, Isaiah Graewin, James Bird and Averie Tom.



Youth who participated in the Littlejohn Memorial Golf Outing included: Standing (left to right): Trenton Littlegeorge, Courage Cleveland and Isaiah Graewin. Front: James Bird (left) and Averie Tom.



The winning team at the Littlejohn Memorial Golf Outing consisted of (left to right): Herb Cleveland, Richard Zidich, Lorinda Bird and Dan Bird.



The House of Wellness Clinic
has completed remodeling! The Public is invited to a
GRAND RE-OPENING!
Wednesday, June 29, 2011 • 1:00pm—5:00pm | Lunch will be served

Bike safety events

A big thank you to all of those children, parents, Community Health Representatives, Youth Services staff, and the Juneau and Shawno County Sheriff's department for all your efforts in making the 2011 bike rodeo events successful! Two bike safety events were held in the Wisconsin Dells and Wittenberg areas June 1st and 2nd. Activities during the event included: bike helmet fitting, obstacle course, slow races, and classroom activities. All children attending the events were provided with a properly fitting bike helmet and a goodie bag with lots of bike safety information. Four lucky children left the events with a new bike! Thank you again to all those who assisted in helping to keep kids safe. Keep Riding Safe!



Wisconsin Dells area girl's winner Alyssa Boivin



Wisconsin Dells area boy's winner Aziz Awad



Wittenberg area girl's winner Angelina Ramariez.



Wittenberg area boy's winner Wesley R Hintz.

Safety Camp coming July 13th

Any Ho-Chunk Nation child entering into grades third, fourth or fifth are invited to the Summer Safety Camp that will be held Wednesday, July 13, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Lunda Park Main Pavilion located near the high school in Black River Falls. There is no cost to attend, however pre-registration is required by July 1st.

Registration forms that must be signed by a parent are available at Jackson County Health and Human Services and Black River Memorial Hospital, and the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Environmental Health at 715-284-9851 ext. 5011. If your child is scheduled to attend summer school during the same week in Black River Falls, they may still come to this event and transportation to the park will be provided.

The Safety Camp will include presentations, activities and information on first aid, seat belt safety, water/boating, animal safety, fire safety, outdoor safety, and bike/skateboard safety. There will be many hands-on activities and lunch/snacks and beverages will be provided. If your child attended last year's event and is still eligible, note that presentations have been modified to include new topics and activities.

For more information or to volunteer as a chaperone, you can contact Liz at (715) 284-1386 or John at (715) 299-0006. The Safety Camp is sponsored by the Greater Black River Area Safety Council, Jackson County Public Health, Black River Memorial Hospital, UW Extension and the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Attention Parents!



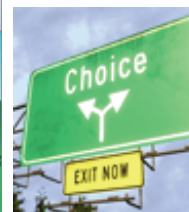
If your child will need a School or Sports Physical For the 2011-2012 school year, please contact the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center or the House of Wellness to schedule an appointment.

Call now to secure an appointment before school resumes in the fall.
Ho-Chunk Health Care Center (715) 284-9851 or (888) 685-4422
House of Wellness (715) 355-1240 or (888) 552-7889

August 17, 2011

From 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

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For more information, call Ashley Keller at (715) 284-2622



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Nekoosa - Heidi 715-886-4750
Hochungra - Stacy 715-284-2311

WI. Dells - Elena 608-254-4227
SandPillow - Caroline 715-284-3331
Wittenberg - Ann 715-253-3926

Thank you,

Stacy A. Byerlay, Hochungra Head Start • Family/Community Partnership Coordinator



Mission: Welcome Home

Sara L. Peterson
Staff Writer

After four years of deployment in Iraq, over 300 US Soldiers were reunited with their loved ones on June 17th in Madison WI. Hundreds of anxious family members awaited their soldiers, waving American flags donated by the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Veterans Affairs donated 1,152 flags for the coming home of the National Guard Soldiers. Office Manager Michael Rave was quoted in saying, "This was a great opportunity to show the tribal community and non tribal community what we do and who we support." These flags were waving lazily in the breeze as they were held by hands that could tell so many stories. These hands are hands that cradled their precious infants, awaiting their husbands return, hands that were worn with age and knowledge waiting to hold their sons and daughters returning from war.



A soldier holds his wife close as they are reunited.

Flags were held in the small innocent hands of children awaiting their moms or dads.

A young mother awaiting her husband, holding a small infant in her hands stated, "These flags are very meaningful to the families that are here waiting for their soldier to return. This flag

is what these brave men and women were fighting for. They were fighting for the meaning of the flag. Freedom. And it isn't even our freedom they were fighting for, it was the freedom of those people that didn't have a voice, didn't have a choice in the war."

The first plane arrived in Madison at 10:00 AM. The crowd grew impatient as the honored soldiers were seen across the airport grounds. In what seemed like eternity the soldiers finally reached their families in what was surely one of the longest walks they had taken. Wives wrapped their husbands in their arms, children raced to see their fathers and grandfathers. Many of the soldiers returning home got to see their infants for the very first time.

Tears of joy streamed down many faces as relief washed over them. These soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation Regiment, "Task Force Ironhawk" were deployed in August of 2010 to Iraq. Previous deployments included Kuwait: Jul 2001-Aug 2002; March-Dec 2003, and Kosovo: Jul 2006-Aug 2007. The soldiers that made up this division were from Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan and Colorado. They were led by Sergeant Major David Christianson and Lieutenant Colonel Marty Pond.

Throughout their deployment they had many accomplishments including 21,345 flight hours, zero accidents, 49,134 passengers moved, 1.3 million pounds of cargo moved, 1.25 million gallons of fuel pumped with zero spills over 105,000 miles covered, and the 2010 Army Aviation Association of America's John J. Stanko award recipient: recognizing the battalion as the best in Army National Guard for: Spc. Carlos Villa-Rivera, Kiel, Wis., who is a decontamination specialist who deployed to Iraq with Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation Regiment and was one of 53 soldiers representing 31 nationalities who took the oath of citizenship Feb. 21 during a naturalization ceremony at Saddam Hussein's Al Faw palace in Baghdad.

The Stanko Award highlights, flying 1,986 missions totaling more than 15,000 combat hours without accidents in the 1st four months, 3 Companies moved more than 5,600 passengers and 660,000 pounds of cargo, 1 Company provided round-the-clock medical evacuation coverage at 4 locations (102 missions; transporting 109 patients). Their accomplishments are numerous and the pride that they have brought to their families is endless.

"Our dedicated soldiers worked tirelessly throughout mobilization training and continued to do so across Iraq," said Lt. Col. Marty Pond, commander of the 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation. "They truly embody the 'Big Red One' motto- No Mission too difficult, no sacrifice too great. Their pride and honored service is second to none. We were set up for success from the start because our soldiers just happen to be some of the greatest soldiers the U.S. has ever sent to war."

Now that the soldiers are back on U.S. soil, they say they are so happy to see their families and green grass. After

a small ceremony welcoming home the soldiers they finally got to hear the long awaited, "Dismissed"



A father is reunited with his sons after a 12 month deployment in Iraq.

Mississippi River Sculpture Park

Submitted by
Sculpture Park Board of Directors

The Mississippi River Sculpture Park Board of Directors would like to invite the people of The Ho-Chunk Nation to the unveiling of Emma Big Bear on Saturday, July 16th from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Mississippi River Sculpture Park in Prairie du Chien, WI.

Ho-Chunk Native, Emma Big Bear was once a familiar sight in Marquette and McGregor, Iowa where she lived for more than fifty years. Emma Big Bear was well known for her hand-crafted black-ash baskets. She will be the fifth historic figure to be represented in life size bronze, by sculpture artist Florence Bird and her placement will complete phase one of the sculpture park.

Emma Big Bear was born near Tomah around 1869. Her family was relocated to Nebraska as part of the U.S. government effort to resettle and assimilate American Indian people. In 1917 she moved to the Mississippi River north of Marquette, Iowa- traditional home of her Ho-Chunk ancestors. She and her family followed traditional patterns of life growing a large garden, fishing, hunting, trapping and foraging for wild plants and fruits. She is best known for her ash-splint baskets which she sold to area residents and tourists. Today her works of art hold considerable value, as does her to this area.

(Right) Emma Big Bear (Ho-Chunk), will be the fifth historic figure to be represented in life size bronze.



Ho-Chunk Gaming –Black River Falls celebrates 15 year anniversary

Submitted by
Michelle Ramberg, Senior Manager-
Public Relations

Ho-Chunk Gaming –Black River Falls ended their special anniversary event with a twist as Chubby Checker took the stage on Saturday, June 11, 2011. Entertaining the crowd with his classic songs that span over 45 years, Chubby invited many of his fans to join him on stage to show off their twisting skills. The concert marked the 15 years of business for Ho-Chunk Gaming –Black River Falls.

On June 11, 1996, Ho-Chunk Gaming –Black River Falls opened its doors to the public for the first time after moving from its original location. Since then it has been a tradition to hold a special event in celebration of that opening day on an annual basis. "Every year, June 11th, is a special day for us," explains Rhonda Anderson, Interim Executive Manager at Ho-Chunk Gaming –Black River Falls. "It's a time we set aside each year to reinforce the appreciation

that we have for our loyal guests that support us all year long. This year we marked 15 years and we wanted to sing their praises even louder with bigger prizes, more entertainment and a larger fireworks display than ever before."

Throughout the entire week, excitement was in the air as Ho-Chunk Gaming –Black River Falls announced daily winners of over \$200,000 worth of cash and prizes. Eric Kravcik, Promotions Manager at Ho-Chunk Gaming –Black River Falls, experienced Anniversary week for the first time and was impressed with the number of positive comments that he received from both the public and employees. "From the time we announced the Equinox winner on Tuesday until the fireworks finale on Saturday, our employees were doing their best to make this event a success for all of our guests. It was a pleasure to be part of the team and I am excited to see what the next 15 years will bring."



(L-R) Rhonda Anderson, Interim Executive Manager of Ho-Chunk Gaming –Black River Falls, Michelle Ramberg, Senior Manager –Public Relations, Chubby Checker, Clayton Winneshiek, Traditional Chief of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Ho-Chunk Gaming continues to support local Relay for Life

Submitted by
Michelle Ramberg, Senior
Manager-Public Relations

Ho-Chunk Gaming –Black River Falls has answered the call to step up and stomp out cancer by signing on as a corporate sponsor for the Tomah Relay for Life event on June 10, 2011. This year's donation of \$2,500 marks the third year in a row that Ho-Chunk Gaming has supported this event.

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's main volunteer cancer fundraising event which has spread to over 20 countries worldwide. Each of these local events share a common worldwide objective to raise awareness, celebrate survivors, remember those who have lost their battles with cancer and to fight as a community against the spread of this disease.

Rhonda Anderson,
Marketing Director at Ho-

Chunk Gaming –Black River Falls, stated that it was an easy decision to become involved with Relay for Life again this year. "Knowing how cancer effects so many of our friends, family and community members each year, we couldn't possibly turn down the opportunity to team up with our neighbors again to "Celebrate, Remember and Fight Back" against this disease."

The money donated from Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls along with the other funds collected through this event will be used as research grants, as well as aid for prevention, detection and treatment programs. The relay for life event took place on Friday June 10, 2011 at the Tomah Senior High School track. Ho-Chunk Gaming –Black River Falls also created a team made up of employees that participated in this year's event.



(l-r): Justine Mueller, American Cancer Society; Ryan Melbye, Angie Melbye, Rikki Blair, Pam Kasper & Lynda Heinz, Ho-Chunk Gaming –Black River Falls Relay for Life Team.

Heat Awareness Day Proclamation

Whereas; extreme heat and humidity create emergencies of great concern due to the potential threat of life to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin; and

Whereas; summer heat waves have been the biggest weather-related causes of deaths in Wisconsin for the past 50 years, far exceeding tornado and other storm-related deaths; and

Whereas; in 1995, two major heat waves affected most of Wisconsin resulting in 154 heat-related deaths and more than 300 heat-related illnesses; and

Whereas; there were four heat-related deaths reported in 2006 during shorter heat waves that occurred in southern Wisconsin; and

Whereas; the citizens of the State of Wisconsin can be seriously affected by severe heat, and it is essential that we increase awareness of the dangers of heat waves and the protective actions which may be taken by citizens;

Now, therefore, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 9, 2011, as HEAT AWARENESS DAY throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING EXECUTIVE OFFICES- BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI May 17, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President, Wilfrid Cleveland at 10:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL: President Wilfrid Cleveland(P) Vice President Daniel Brown(P) Rep. Greg Blackdeer(EX) Rep. Douglas Greengrass(EX) Rep. Clarence Pettibone(P) Rep. Roberta Decorah(P) Rep. James Greendeer(P) Rep. John Holst(P) Rep. Hope Smith(P) Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr.(P) Rep. Greg Littlejohn(EX) Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit(P)

Rep. Patrick Red Eagle(P) Rep. Robert TwoBears(P) **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Quorum was established

OPENING PRAYER: The opening prayer was offered by Rep. Hope B. Smith.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business item 10. Education allocation, item 11. Trademark license issue, item 12. Department of Business budget modification. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: **Legislative Meeting – May 3, 2011**

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the Legislative meeting minutes of May 3, 2011 with corrections. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 8-0-2(Rep. Walker, Jr. & V.P. Brown) **MOTION CARRIED.** **Special Legislative Meeting – May 6, 2011**

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the Special Legislative meeting minutes of May 6, 2011 with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 6-0-4(Reps. Greendeer, Walker, Jr., Pettibone & V.P. Brown) **MOTION CARRIED.** **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Special Finance Meeting – May 4, 2011

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the Special Finance meeting minutes of May 4, 2011 as presented. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah.. 6-1(Rep. TwoBears)-3(Reps. Holst & Walker, Jr., V.P. Brown) **MOTION CARRIED.** **Special Finance Meeting – May 5, 2011**

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the Special Finance meeting minutes of May 5, 2011 as presented. Second by Rep. John Holst. 7-0-2(Rep. Greendeer & V.P. Brown) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Walker, Jr. was out of the room.*

PRESENTATION **CTF Investment Policy – Holland & Knight – Becky Albert**

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to table the CTF Investment Policy until 11:30 a.m. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Reps. Red Eagle & Walker, Jr. were out of the room.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS: **Signature Authority Change – Michael Murphy** **MOTION** by Rep. James Greendeer to refer the

Signature Authority Change to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. John Holst. 7-0-1(Rep. Decorah) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Reps. RedEagle & Walker, Jr. were out of the room.*

Elder Protection Act extension of comment period – Michael Murphy

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit per the elder's request from TAU that be extended another thirty (30) days for the HCN Elder Protection Act and to maintain the posting on the Nation's website, to be done on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 8-0-1(V.P. Brown) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Walker, Jr. was out of the room.*

Education Board of Directors (District 1) – Angela Ward

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to approve Marcus Lewis to the Education Board of Directors for District 1. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Walker, Jr. was out of the room.*

Resolution – Placing Social Services(Former WWTC) property into Trust – Nelson Smith

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 05-17-11 A – Placing Social Services (Former WWTC) property into Trust for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Walker, Jr. was out of the room.*

Resolution – Long Range Transportation Plan Update – Brett Blackdeer

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 05-17-11 B – Long Range Transportation Plan Update. Second by Rep. John Holst. 8-0-1(Rep. Smith) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Walker, Jr. was out of the room*

Resolution – Authorizing Land Lease on Indian Mission Lot #13 (Byron Goodbear) – Julie Johnson **MOTION** by Rep. James Greendeer to table the Resolution – Authorizing Land Lease on Indian Mission Lot #13 (Byron Goodbear). Second by V.P. Dan Brown. *V.P. Brown withdraws his Second.* *Rep. Greendeer withdraws his motion.*

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 05-17-11 C Authorizing Land Lease on Indian Mission Lot #13 (Byron Goodbear). Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 6-2(Reps. Greendeer & Smith)-2(Reps. Decorah & Walker, Jr) **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Concerns **District 1: MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to appoint Cecelia Krause to the Law Enforcement Committee per the District 1 meeting minutes. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to nominate Alana Decora-Ayesh to the Ethics Review Board per the District 1 meeting minutes. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

FYI: To make it mandatory the representative for our committees and boards be present at the monthly district meetings and that they provide a report to the community members.

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to refer the District 1 meeting minute motion to have a

per capita distribution as option monthly for tribal members to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to approve the amount of \$4,013 out of the Youth Assistance line item to have the 6 BRF Area board members to attend UNITY in Minneapolis, MN payable to the vendors, per the District 1 meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 6-1(V.P. Brown)-3(Reps. Holst, TwoBears, & Decorah) **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 2: MOTION by Rep. John Holst to approve \$5,000 to support the "Longest Walk 3 Reversing Diabetes in Native America" the funds are to be allocated from the Charitable Contributions line item per the District 2 Madison District meeting minutes. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Madison meeting minute motion to have a representative from HCN TAU attend the June Area Meeting to the Office of the President. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Tomah meeting minute motion to bring to the attention of HHCDa board for non attendance of meetings and updates, that the Tomah District would like to have Rachel Winneshiek removed from the board to HHCDa. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to have Chris Estebo serve on the Law Enforcement Commission per the District 2 Tomah district meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to select David Rochester as the alternate for the Law Enforcement Commission, per the District 2 Tomah District meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo meeting minute motion to request the representative from HHCDa that coordinates the ROSS program to attend the next Baraboo District meeting in June to HHCDa. Second by Rep. James Greendeer 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Clarence Pettibone was out of the room.*

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to amend the Ho-Chunk Casino budget to add the cost associated with exterior lighting to the fiscal year 2011-2012 capital budget in the amount that was requested 1.5 million, per the District 2 Baraboo district meeting minutes. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 3-0-7(Reps. Decorah, Greendeer, RedEagle, Pettibone, TwoBears, Smith & LoneTree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo meeting minute motion to request the Department of Personnel to provide a written report detailing statistical data for the number of Ho-Chunk Tribal members that have been interviewed, hired, disciplined, reported harassment and fired. Included in the report requested to include the decisions why or why not for hiring and would like this provided at the next Baraboo District Meeting refer to the Office of the President. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo meeting minute motion to request funding for proposed budget for the 2011 Neeshla Pow wow in

the amount of \$120,000.00 to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-1(Rep. TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 3: MOTION Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer the District 3 Wittenberg meeting minute motion to have Legislature file an injunction to immediately stop the use of Ho-Chunk Nation land in Wittenberg area for farming to the Legislative Counsel. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 6-3(Rep. TwoBears, Pettibone & V.P. Dan Brown)-1(Rep. Decorah) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to designate Gloria Visintin as Housing Department Board Representative per the District 3 Wittenberg meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer the District 3 Wittenberg meeting minute motion to dissolve the General Council Agency and organize a General Council Planning Committee that would comply with "Rules of Procedure" to the General Council Agency. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to designate Lanette Walker as the representative and Fran Littlewolf as the alternate to the Ethics Review Board, per the District 3 Wittenberg meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 9-0-1(Rep. Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to appoint Dallas Whitewing as the Veteran's Advisory Board Representative for District 3, per the District 3 Wittenberg meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Hope Smith 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wittenberg meeting minute motion to support Ariana Bourdon, Dane Walker, and Kaylia WhiteEagle in the amount of \$24,000.00 to attend the Wisconsin Ambassadors tour to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Indian Heights meeting minute motion to post all terms for the Veteran's Affairs Board to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Indian Heights meeting minute motion to conduct a Nationwide investigation regarding Ho-Chunk preference to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Agenda Amendment

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to amend the agenda to address the CTF presentation next. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 8-2(Reps. Pettibone & Smith)-2(Reps. Decorah & Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Walker, Jr. is excused at 12:00 p.m.

Holland & Knight Presentation **Resolution – Children's Trust Fund Investment Policy Statement**

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 05-17-11 D Children's Trust Fund Investment Policy Statement. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

RECESS **MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to recess for one

hour for lunch. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting recesses for lunch at 12:40 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called back to order by Vice- President Dan Brown at 1:58 p.m.

ROLL CALL: President Wilfrid Cleveland(2:05 p.m.)

Vice President Daniel Brown(P) Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P) Rep. Douglas Greengrass(EX) Rep. Clarence Pettibone(P) Rep. Roberta Decorah(P) Rep. James Greendeer(EX) Rep. John Holst(P) Rep. Hope Smith(2:05 p.m.) Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr.(2:10 p.m.) Rep. Greg Littlejohn(EX) Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit(P) Rep. Patrick Red Eagle(P) Rep. Robert TwoBears(P)

District Concerns: **District 4: MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown to have the Enrollment Department come to Milwaukee area to do ID cards for tribal members, per the District 4 meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 5: MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to refer the District 5 Chicago meeting minute motion to request that enrollment provide the Chicago Branch Office with a population distribution map of "Chicagoland" Ho-Chunks. This information will help the Chicago community pick a new location that is the best for the community as a whole to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Patrick RedEagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to refer the District 5 Chicago meeting minute motion to have Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature provide profit and loss statement for all revenue generating ventures, starting with the financials for the month ending May 2011. This information shall be distributed to district offices and/or tribal members on a monthly basis to the Financial Examiner. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION Rep. Patrick RedEagle to refer the District 5 Minneapolis/St. Paul district meeting minute motion to reiterate the previous month motion regarding the fiasco in the renovation of the Ho-Chunk Hotel and again ask for a forensic audit to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 8-0-2(Reps. Smith & Blackdeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Conference Approvals **MOTION** by Rep. Patrick RedEagle to approve three (3) Legislators to attend Tribal Tobacco Tax Training & Seminar in Winnebago, NE – June 28-29,2011. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 8-1(Rep. Smith)-1(Rep. Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Agenda Amendment **MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to amend the agenda to address District 3 concern. Second by Rep. John Holst. Motion rescinded.

Rep. Walker Jr arrives at 2:10 p.m.

Travel Reports **Eagle Summit II/NAFWS Report – Rep. Walker, Jr.** **MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to request Office of the President conduct an analysis/study on the feasibility of the Nation to construct an Eagle Aviary. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

NCAI **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy Lon-

eTree-Whiterabbit to allow and approve any additional Legislators to attend NCAI to be amended from three (3) Legislators to also include staff, on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-1(Rep. Pettibone) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Education Budget Modification

MOTION by V.P. Dan Brown to approve the Higher Education Budget Modification 01.6003.04292011.101 in the amount of \$185,000 and to be done on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. *Rep. Decorah withdraws her second due to funding source not being identified.* Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the JOM Education Modification 01.6005.0429.2011T105 in the amount of \$250,000.00 to be done on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Trademark License Issue

MOTION by V.P. Dan Brown that the Legislative Counsel create a policy to be used for the use of making a profit from the Ho-Chunk Nation seal. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 9-0-2(Reps. TwoBears & Smith) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Business Department Budget Modification

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to approve the Business Department Budget Modification from 01-1900-670-7232 General Fund to 15-6780-940-9403 Renew Hotel Renovations in the amount of \$582,500.00. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 8-0-3(Reps. Greendeer, Pettibone & Blackdeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Agenda Amendment

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to amend the agenda to add the Time and Attendance report. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-1(Rep. Walker, Jr) **MOTION CARRIED.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by V.P. Dan to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. John Holst. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
The meeting goes into Executive Session at 3:52 p.m.

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr is excused at 4:10 p.m.
Rep. Hope Smith is excused at 4:29 p.m.

Rep. Greg Blackdeer is excused at 5:00 p.m.
Rep. Roberta Decorah is excused at 5:10 p.m.

OPEN SESSION:

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *The meeting returns to Open Session at 5:35 p.m.*

RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. John Holst. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to adjourn the meeting until June 7, 2011 with the meeting to be held at the Executive Offices in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. John Holst. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hope B. Smith
Tribal Secretary
Darcy Funmaker

Recording Secretary

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE SPECIAL MEETING EXECUTIVE OFFICES- BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI May 18, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President, Wilfrid Cleveland at 9:08 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

President Wilfrid Cleveland(P)
Vice President Daniel Brown(P)
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(EX)
Rep. Douglas Greengrass(EX)
Rep. Clarence Pettibone(P)
Rep. Roberta Decorah(P)
Rep. James Greendeer(P)
Rep. John Holst(9:11 a.m.)
Rep. Hope Smith(EX)
Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr.(P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(9:30 a.m.)
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit(P)
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle(P)
Rep. Robert TwoBears(P)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Quorum was established
OPENING PRAYER: The opening prayer was offered by President, Wilfrid Cleveland.
Rep. John Holst arrives at 9:11 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Greg Littlejohn arrives at 9:30 a.m.

FY 2009-2011 Audit – Joseph Eve

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to clarify that the amount of \$902,082.00 was a distribution for FY 09-10 to Lynwood Sports and Expo Center. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 8-0-2(Reps. TwoBears & Decorah) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears that Legislative Branch, Executive Branch, and Joseph Eve compile a financial report that can be distributed to tribal members. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 8-0-2(Reps. Pettibone & Littlejohn) **MOTION CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by V.P. Dan Brown to adjourn the meeting. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 9-1(Rep. Greg Littlejohn)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Hope B. Smith
Tribal Secretary
Darcy Funmaker
Recording Secretary

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE SPECIAL MEETING EXECUTIVE OFFICES- BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI May 24, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President, Wilfrid Cleveland at 10:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

President Wilfrid Cleveland(P)
Vice President Daniel Brown(P)
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)
Rep. Douglas Greengrass(P)
Rep. Clarence Pettibone(10:14 a.m.)
Rep. Roberta Decorah(EX)
Rep. James Greendeer(10:13 a.m.)
Rep. John Holst(10:20 a.m.)
Rep. Hope Smith(P)
Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr.(P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(10:11 a.m.)
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit(P)
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle(P)
Rep. Robert TwoBears(P)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Quorum was established
OPENING PRAYER: The

RESOLUTION FOR A GENERAL COUNCIL PROCEDURAL MOTION THAT NO MEMBER MAY MAKE A MOTION TO ADJOURN GENERAL COUNCIL UNTIL THE AGENDA IS COMPLETE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, twenty (20) percent of the eligible voters of the Nation present in General Council shall constitute a quorum; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, each action of the General Council shall require the presence of a quorum; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation makes a tremendous investment in General Council in terms of time, expense, and effort to hold the event.

WHEREAS, General Council amend its procedures to bar any member from making a resolution to adjourn General Council until the agenda is completed, and any member that makes or seconds this motion shall forfeit their \$100 honorarium. Further if a resolution is submitted, then any resolution submitted to adjourn before the agenda is complete must pass by a supermajority of 75% of the voting members.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be effective immediately for the 2011 General Council, and shall remain effective prospectively until repealed by a supermajority of General Council.

Submitted by: Amanda DeCora and Shane Steindorf; May 29, 2011, at the Memorial Day Pow Wow

Reviewed and approved by General Council Agency Attorney John Swimmer

REQUEST THAT THE LEGISLATURE CREATE A HEALTH CARE ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM FOR TRIBAL ELDERS 55 AND OLDER WHO HAVE SERIOUS HEATH PROBLEMS, WHO ARE DISABLED, INELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE, AND LACK ACCESS TO TRIBAL HEALTH CLINICS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, each action of the General Council shall require the presence of a quorum; and

WHEREAS, General Council respectfully requests that the Legislature enact legislation to fund a health care entitlement program under the Department of Health. The purpose of the entitlement program is to provide funding for tribal member 55 and above who don't have access to tribal clinics, are ineligible for Medicare, lack private health insurance, and who are disabled or have a serious illness.

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health shall define disability and serious illness for purposes of this program.

WHEREAS, General Council requests that the Executive Director of the Health Department shall request funding for this resolution under the next appropriation process, and submit an amendment to the Health Department budget to request funding for this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Council hereby requests that the Executive Director of the Health Department shall prepare a budget for this resolution, and take any and all actions necessary to implement this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President shall direct the Executive Branch to amend any and all policies, procedures, and guidelines requiring any Legislation must contain a provision that a search was performed and that it does not conflict with General Council Resolutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Department shall prepare a monthly report and submit this report to General Council Agency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that above requested actions for the Executive and Legislative branches of government shall take place within 90 days after this resolution is passed by General Council. Failure to take action within 90 days shall constitute malfeasance as defined in the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution.

Submitted by: Bonnie Smith May 16, 2011.

Reviewed and approved by General Council Agency Attorney John Swimmer

opening prayer was offered by V.P. Dan Brown

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr to approve the agenda as presented. Second by V.P. Dan Brown. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
The Special Meeting was called to discuss Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: MOTION by V.P. Dan Brown to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting goes into Executive Session at 10:11 a.m.

Rep. Greg Littlejohn arrives at 10:11 a.m.
Rep. James Greendeer arrives at 10:13 a.m.

Rep. Clarence Pettibone arrives at 10:14 a.m.

Rep. Doug Greengrass leaves at 10:14 a.m.
Rep. John Holst arrives at 10:20 a.m.

Rep. Doug Greengrass returns at 11:30 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

MOTION by V.P. Dan Brown

to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to ratify all actions taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-2(Reps. Blackdeer & Walker, Jr.) -0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
AGENDA ADDITION
MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to add the tornado disaster relief for tribal member in Joplin, MO to the agenda. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion on assisting tribal members in emergency situations due to natural disaster, the tribal member resided in Joplin, Missouri where a tornado touched down. The tribal member resided in a rental unit and did not have renter's insurance. Being the month of per capita (May), emergency assistance program is un-

able to help. According to the Charitable Contributions Request Act a tribal elder is able to receive a one-time moving grant in the amount of \$700.00.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve \$700.00 relocation assistance to tribal elder, Rose Saylor to be processed on an emergency basis, the funds are to be allocated from the Elder Assistance line item. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
ADJOURNMENT
MOTION by V.P. Dan Brown to adjourn the meeting. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Hope B. Smith
Tribal Secretary
Darcy Funmaker
Recording Secretary

Mountain Lions finding refuge in Wisconsin

Sara L. Peterson
Staff Writer

Wisconsin has always had a rich history of having a diverse wildlife population. Many of the native animals are once again returning to the native habitat of Wisconsin. The successful comeback of the Timber Wolf, Elk, Moose and now the Mountain Lion is also making appearances here in Wisconsin after their homeland has been encroached upon by the growing human populations.

Cougars (*Puma concolor*) also known as puma, mountain lion, panther, catamount, American lion, and mishibijn (Ojibwa), once roamed throughout the state of Wisconsin. It was one of three wild cats native to the state, along with the bobcat (*Lynx rufus*) and the Canada lynx (*Lynx canadensis*). Currently bobcats are the only known breeding wild cat in the state, with a fall population of about 3,000 in northern Wisconsin, and lower numbers in other portions of the state. Canada lynx do not appear to breed in Wisconsin, but rare visits are made to the state from this northern wildcat. Wild cougars probably disappeared from the state by about 1910, but reports again began to surface in the 1940's of possible cougars in the state. These were probably of escaped captive cougars or misidentifications. Since the 1940's various naturalists and wildlife biologists collected reports of cougar observations.

Since 1991, the Wisconsin DNR has conducted a standardized system of collecting reports of cougars and other rare mammals. On January 18, 2008, a cougar was sighted near Milton, in Rock County, Wisconsin. The sighting was verified as 'cougar'

from the tracks and DNA from a small drop of blood from a cut on the foot. Tracks were also found near Elkhorn, about 23 miles southeast of the Milton sighting. In early 2009, a cougar was sighted in Burnett County. Then in late 2009, a cougar was confirmed via tracks and photos travelling from St. Croix into Dunn County. Tracks and other sightings have also been confirmed in northern Wisconsin in 2010. (Wis DNR Report)

As the sightings of Cougars have increased, the Wisconsin DNR has been working diligently to come to a conclusion on whether these cats are here to stay or just passing through. To date, the DNR has confirmed that these cats are making their way back into Wisconsin and are likely here to stay. However, there haven't been any confirmed evidence of a breeding population in Wisconsin.

These cougars tend to find areas that are remote and abundant with food, most commonly the white-tailed deer. Although they will prey upon elk, livestock, and small mammals like mice, squirrels, raccoons, rabbits, and porcupines. They make their homes in rocky and hilly territories that provide cover for these elusive animals.

The mountain lion is a large cat that can reach up to 150 pounds and eight feet long. They have a long tail and have a tan to reddish orange coat, to gray coat. These animals can live up to 13 years in the wild and average 2 kittens a year. Kittens can stay with their mother for up to 2 years. Their territories can range from 10 miles to 350 miles.

Their elusive nature has been the reason it has taken so long for officials to confirm the cats are living in the state of Wisconsin. These animals are extremely hard to track and find. The

DNR is asking if anyone sees a cougar or sees large cat tracks to take high quality photos with a ruler as a size reference. Even though the risk of these animals attacking humans is very small it is still important to educate the public on what to do if you encounter a cougar.

Safety Tips:

- Do not approach the animal. Most mountain lions avoid a confrontation. Give them a way to escape.

- Stay calm and speak loudly and firmly.

- Do not run. Running may stimulate a mountain lion's instinct to chase. Stand and face the animal, maintain eye contact.

- Appear larger. Raise your arms. Open your jacket if you're wearing one. Throw stones, branches or whatever you can reach without crouching or turning your back. Wave your arms slowly. The idea is to convince the lion that you are not easy prey and that you may be a danger to it.

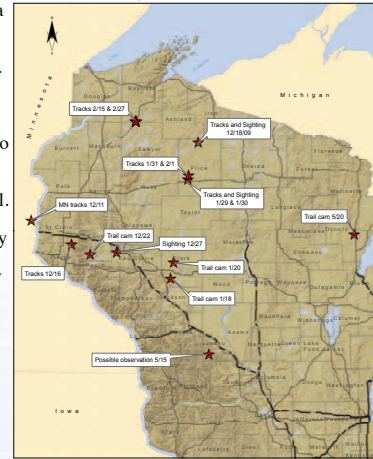
- Maintain eye contact and slowly back away toward a building, vehicle or busy area.

- Protect small children so they won't panic and run.

- Fight back if attacked. Many potential victims have fought back successfully with rocks, sticks, caps, jackets, garden tools, their bare hands and even mountain bikes. Since a lion will normally try to bite the head or neck, try to remain standing and face the animal.

- With the increasing number of large predators in Wisconsin it is important to try and stay in groups when in large wooded remote areas.

Wisconsin Cougar Observations: Dec 2009 - June 2010



As these cats are being pushed out of their native states by encroaching real estate development, the importance to educate the public about these animals increases. These cougars aren't to be feared, as they do not pose any threat to the human population as long as precautions are taken. The cougar has long been highly regarded by the Ojibwa and Native American people for many generations. These cats were always seen as a symbol of power and leadership.

It is said that the cougar teaches people that leadership doesn't equate with dictatorship. Dictators are tyrants who abuse their power and prevent followers from doing things on their own and being a part of the decision making process. True leaders listen to and enable their followers. The key to personal power is confidence in the direction in which a person has chosen

SUMMONS (First Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

County of Washington & Jessica F. Thury, Petitioner, v. Brandon K. Owen, Respondent.

Case : CS 11-39

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Brandon K. Owen

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS (Second Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Jessica Snake, Petitioner, v. Steven Cleveland, Respondent.

Case : CS 11-37

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: STEVEN CLEVELAND

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SUMMONS (First Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI & Dawn J. Funmaker, Petitioner, v. Christopher C. Decorah Sr., Respondent.

Case : CS 11-38

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Christopher C. Decorah Sr.

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SUMMONS (Second Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

VERONICA DELAROSA, Petitioner, v. CYRIL DELAROSA, Respondent.

Case : CS 11-22

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: CYRIL DELAROSA

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Flood waters threaten Winnebago businesses update

Submitted by
Jerome LaPointe, Sr. – Winnebago
Indian News Editor

On May 25, the Winnebago tribal council received word that within days the Missouri River would reach flood stage in their area. It was decided that something needed to be done immediately to protect the Tribe's development. The recommendation was to construct a berm around the

entire development and infrastructure to protect interior structures from raising ground water. Within days, the WinnaVegas development was surrounded by a 9 foot high berm, 3 feet higher than the Corps projections for flood water levels.

On the morning of Friday, June 10, the Winnebago tribal council was meeting with corp of engineers, the county sheriff, and other county officials to review information available on the flooding. The casino GM had gotten to work at 7am and she told me the water was visible from the casino access road. By 8am when the tribal council began their meeting, water was within 3 feet of the road. At or around 10am water began flowing over the road from north to south. I was called to take pictures; I got out there around 12:30pm and local law enforcement had

closed the road. Casino employees were moving all sensitive material to the WinnaVegas Inn, in the town of Sloan, IA, where they still maintain offices.

Although the casino is closed down, staff are still working to process payroll for security (who are on the property 24-7), and to fill unemployment claims. The corp has told the tribe that the water will stay at these levels until September. They are currently releasing 150 cubic feet per second, which they say translates into 150 million gallons a second from the gavin's point dam in Yankton, South Dakota.

Starting on June 23, they will begin releasing 155 cfs, and by Friday, June 24, 160 cfs. Water levels will rise around the casino but right now the berm is holding firm and is still quite higher than flood water levels. The tribe's roads department is maintaining the property on a daily basis making sure any ground water that gathers is pumped out of the berms interior.



Picture taken from above the WinnaVegas Casino.



The casino road under water about 1 pm Friday, June 10th.



Tribal roads working on the outside plastic of the wall.

Crow Nations struggling to help tribal members in need

Sara L. Peterson
Staff Writer

As storms sweep across the country during a tumultuous spring that will go down in the record books, tribal nations are struggling to find residents left stranded after flooding devastated the Crow Reservation in northern Montana on May 25, 2011.

Most of the state of Montana had been under some sort of flood advisory, as workers frantically fill sandbags and search crews are searching for those still unaccountable. "There are families and elders still isolated and stranded in their homes," said tribe spokesman Donald Spotted Tail on May 26, 2011. "There's no way for them to access basic human needs such as food and water." There is also

the warning of water supply contamination in the region of the Little Bighorn River.

Tribal officials said the flooding has damaged at least 75 homes and about 150 people from the reservation remain at the Montana State University-Billings, along with 43 people from outside Billings, according to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Tribal members rushed to the aid of the residents that stayed behind during the evacuation. Food and supplies were delivered to more than 100 people. An unknown number of people from the Cheyenne Reservation were also evacuated because of concerns of flooding along the Rosebud Creek and Tongue River.

As a second storm front threatened to bear down on the

already flood soaked region, the Crow Nation had asked for help from the Montana Nation Guard and assistance which has been provided. Donations are still needed for those that were displaced after the storms and flooding. Many of these people were left without any clothes, food, or shelter.

To date the terribly poverty stricken tribe has made over 150 layoffs and is working to just get people back into homes on the reservation. The tribe is quickly depleting its funds in the effort. "We have never been a rich people: we've always struggled, but we've always survived. That's what we will do now", Old Crow said. "Our people are used to struggling; it's our way of life. We will do what we always do- pull together

and help each other get through this."

Items that are needed include:

- Non-perishable Food items
- Milk, Juices, etc.
- Fruits and Vegetables
- Bottled Water
- Infant Formula and baby Food
- Diapers
- Personal Hygiene Items (this includes items such as soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toilet paper.)
- Plates and Eating Utensils
- Blankets and linens
- Laundry Soap
- Coloring Books
- Clothes (must be clean and in repair if not new)
- Kids Toys
- Dog and Cat Food



Flooding continues to be a problem after the Little Bighorn River crested its banks in late May.

They are also accepting gift cards to Wal-Mart, Costco, Target, Sams Club, etc.

Donations can be sent to: Donations for Flood Victims of the Crow Nation
8645 South Weaver Drive
Crow Agency, MT 59022
c/o Little Bighorn College

Echo Hawk applauds the First Lady's Planting of the Three Sisters in the White House Garden

Submitted by Nedra Darling, Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs

Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk today joined First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House kitchen garden for the planting of the Three Sisters—corn, beans, and squash—a traditional indigenous agricultural method of planting. This activity comes a week after the launch of Let's Move! in Indian Country (LMIC) and continues to push the message of leading active and healthy lifestyles in Indian Country.

"Today's a big day for us in the garden because it's the first time we're going to use native seeds of corn, beans and squash in the way they've been planted for thousands of years," Mrs. Obama said. "We're all pretty excited to continue this tradition. This is another example of a fun, easy way that we all can work together to be healthier. And that's what we're trying to accomplish with Let's Move!"

"I am always very pleased when history acknowledges the wonderful achievements of our nation's first Americans," Echo Hawk said. "The agricultural contributions of the ancestors to contemporary American Indian and Alaska Natives are significant, and today's event is a great

testament to their lasting legacy."

Corn, beans, and squash, when planted together, are referred to as the Three Sisters—stemming from tribal stories that weave the three agricultural staples into traditional narratives. This method is also known as companion planting. The science behind such planting techniques involves the mutually beneficial effects of their simultaneous growth. The corn provides a structure for the beans to climb, eliminating the need for poles. The beans provide the nitrogen to the soil that the other plants utilize and the squash spreads along the ground, blocking the sunlight, which helps prevent weeds. This method of planting and agriculture differs greatly from the more common methods of plowing. The First Lady's Three Sisters planting today acknowledges the amazing contributions and skills of our nation's first Americans.

"We harvested some crops for the First Lady and planted some squash, beans, and corn," said Jayce Archambault of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. "It was a real fun experience; to get outside and be active and plant these things to help people get healthy is something we will remember."

The planting of the Three Sisters is intertwined with the LMIC initiative to end childhood obesity in Indian Country. In 2009, American Indian and Alaska Native children aged two to four had a higher prevalence of obesity (20.7%) than any other racial or ethnic group. In Indian Country, one in three children are overweight or obese before their fifth birthday and a national survey found that 18.9 percent of high school aged students are obese. LMIC brings together federal agencies, communities, non-profits, corporate partners, schools and tribes to focus on four areas: (1) early childhood development, (2) healthy learning communities, (3) physical activity, and (4) increasing access to affordable, healthy foods. For more information on this initiative, please visit: www.letsmove.gov/indiancountry.

The Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs has responsibility for helping the Secretary of the Interior to fulfill his trust responsibilities to tribal and individual trust beneficiaries and promoting self-determination and self-governance for the nation's 565 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes. The Assistant Secretary oversees the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), which



Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk helping a child pick lettuce from the Three Sisters Garden at the White House.

supports tribal agriculture, and the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), which administers one of two federal school systems and funding to tribal colleges and universities.



THANK YOU for your support during the June 7, 2011 Ho-Chunk Nation General Election. I truly appreciate all of the kind words and support. The experience has been very humbling. I vow to work hard every day to earn the trust placed in me.

Pinagigi
Andrea "Pepper" Estebo



"I wish to congratulate Mr. Jon Greendeer on his win. Also, I must thank my supporters in this election and those who worked so diligently on my behalf (you know who you are) and ask that they show support of the newly elected President of the HCN. We have many challenges ahead of us and we must work together to keep our Nation strong during these difficult economic times!"

*Pinagigi,
Greg Littlejohn*

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You need a will if:

- You are over 18
- You have, or may acquire, trust land, non-trust land, or personal property
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All services are free to any American Indian, regardless of tribal enrollment or ownership of trust land.

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July 13	Wittenberg Health Office	11:00am-2:00pm
July 20	Nekoosa Community Bld	9:30am-12:00
July 20	Tomah Community Bld	2:30pm-4:30pm
July 27	Winnebago Heights/TAU Parking lot	10:30am-1:00pm
July 27	Ho-Chunk Village/HOW	2:30pm-4:30pm

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NOTICE

TERO COMMISSION MEETING

July 13, 2011 - 5:00 p.m.

Department of Labor Conference Room
W9814 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Nicholas Kedrowski, TERO DIRECTOR
1 (800) 294-9343 X 1141

Wood County Law Enforcement Commission Vacancies, Area 3

The law enforcement is currently looking for any individual to fill the vacancy as commissioner and alternate. Must have some knowledge in H. C. law enforcement but not required.

Qualifications. A Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner shall meet the following qualifications:

- I. A member if the Ho-Chunk Nation.
- II. At least twenty-five (25) years of age
- III. A resident of the county of representation for at least one (1) year.
- IV. A satisfactory background investigation shall be required. Any felony conviction within the immediately preceding ten (10) years would prohibit any person from serving on the commission unless waived by the Legislature when the person has demonstrated and shown that his/her prior activities do not pose a threat to the credibility and integrity of the Commission.
- V. Not an employee of a law enforcement department.
- VI. Not an immediate family member of either the Attorney General or the member attorney from the Department of Justice.

Drug Testing. Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners shall be subject to the Ho-Chunk Nation's *Drug, Alcohol and Controlled Substance Policy* (Chapter VI, 6 HCC 5).

Terms. Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners shall serve two (2) year term and shall serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms. In the event a Commissioner fails to serve an entire term, the Alternate Commissioner shall finish the predecessor's term and become the Commissioner. A replacement Alternate Commissioner shall be nominated and confirmed by the respective Ho-Chunk Member within a reasonable time period following the predecessor's departure.

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NOTICE OF VACANCY

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Duties:

Carry out the provisions of this Ordinance, in accordance with the policy of Indian Preference in employment and in contracting, as established by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. The Commission shall be free from interference from any branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation government in carrying out their duties under this Ordinance.

Adopt, amend, or rescind rules and regulations and to develop and implement policies and guidelines necessary to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance.

Adopt bylaws and internal rules to govern the activities and procedures of the Commission.

Serve in an advisory capacity to the TERO and meet the program staff for the purpose of securing information relative to its advisory duties.

Qualifications:

Enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation
Knowledge and familiarity with the TERO Ordinance
Knowledge and understanding of employment issues
Business experience, Board experience and flexible scheduling are beneficial.

Application Deadline: Until Filled

Interested applicants may obtain a TERO Commissioner Application from the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor or on the TERO website: <http://www.ho-chunknation.com/?PageId=926>

Return the application along with your resume, a copy of your Tribal I.D. Valid Driver's License and Proof of Insurance to the Tero Department. The application may be dropped off in person or mailed to: Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor
ATTN: TERO DIRECTOR PO BOX 667 Black River Falls, WI 54615

Congratulation Native Ninja's
for taking 3rd place in the
softball tournament in Ettrick, WI.



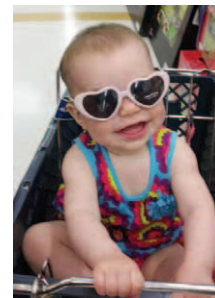
Coached by JB and Nellie Blackdeer. Grade 3 & 4, Age 9 & 10.

HAPPY 1st
Birthday!

on June 30th.

Tallulah Joy Mitchell

Love Grammy!



Celebrate a
SAFE & HAPPY
JULY 4TH!

from the
Hocak Worak Newsletter Staff

Happy 7th Birthday



Trenton "Kunu" Michael
on June 21st

Love Mom, Dad,
Lizzy &
Grandma &
Grandpa



12th Annual
Brown Family
Reunion

Saturday & Sunday
August 13th & 14th

Blackhawk Park, DeSoto, WI.

Family – Food – Fun
Bring a dish to pass – meat provided
Auction – Horseshoes

Questions call
Fran Little Wolf – 715-253-3496 home 715-297-4239 cell
Lori Hindman – 715-814-1124 home 715-701-1669 cell

July Elders
Birthdays



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| 1 | Reuben Hall | 19 | William Winneshiek Jr. |
| | Curtis Mallory Sr. | 20 | Leslie Decorah Jr. |
| | Ardella Quackenbush | | Madeline Walker |
| 2 | Pat Schulz | 21 | Wilma Thompson |
| 5 | Elizabeth Deere | 22 | Colette Trumpy |
| | Helen Miller | | Dennis Tsugawa |
| | Terry Steindorf | 23 | Roberta Chrisjohn |
| 7 | Pat Boyles | | Ronald K. Decorah |
| 8 | Prescilla Niemi | 24 | Lewis Buchanan |
| 10 | Millie Link | | Constance Lonetree |
| | Dale Stephens | 25 | Ed Winneshiek |
| | Nadine WhiteEagle | 26 | Marguerite Lebeck |
| 13 | Bonnie Stroessner | 28 | Norman Smith |
| 15 | Roley White Eagle | 30 | Marilyn La Mere |
| 16 | Wallace Johnson | | |
| | Pearl Mrotek | | |
| | Cecelia Sine | | |

Joanna Hollenbeck sworn in as Madison police officer

Sara L. Peterson
Staff Writer

Joanna Hollenbeck a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation was sworn in as a Madison police officer on May 31, 2011 by the Chief of Police. Joanna had been employed at the House of Wellness in Baraboo, WI as a Fitness Director and her final farewell was approximately the beginning of June.

In a lengthy application process that had more than 1,700 applicants, Joanna was hired along with 14 others, a fact she is very proud of. For the last six months she has spent her time training in

tactical police force training in the field and at the police academy in Madison. She is now preparing to spend another 12 weeks in field training. Upon completion of both the academy and field training, she is scheduled to graduate on February 3, 2012.

Joanna stated, "I am very happy to be moving into the next phase in my life and to have the opportunity to work for the Madison Police Force. I feel incredibly lucky to have been given this opportunity. The Madison

Police Department is an excellent organization that strives to promote diversity, build partnerships with the community, and enhance quality of life issues through problem solving."

Joanna was born to David and Joanne (Blackdeer) Klute in LaCrosse and grew up in Baraboo. She graduated from Baraboo High School in 1993. In 2009, Hollenbeck graduated from UW-Madison with a BA in Behavioral Science and Law.



Joanna is sworn in by the Madison Police Chief on May 31 at the Capitol Building in Madison.

I would like to thank my co-workers in the Department of Administration at the House of Wellness for all that they have done to show their support to me as I embark on a new career path in law enforcement. Thank you all so much for the wonderful lunch you had for me on my last day of work. I would like to especially thank Fitness & Aquatics Director Scott Gilbeck and Aquatics Supervisor Cheryl Kidd – you are both great friends to me, thank you for everything. Finally, I would like to thank my staff: Kurt Greendeer, Eric Johnson, TJ Johnson, Unga Stacy, Lance Tallmadge, JoDel TreeTop, and Joe WhiteEagle. I enjoyed working with you; thank you for all the good times we shared.

Sincerely,
Joanna Hollenbeck



Joanna with her honorary Pendleton from the staff of the House of Wellness.

Tribal Aging Unit holds annual picnic

John Kozlowicz
Staff Writer

A rainy overcast day failed to dampen the spirits of the estimated 65 elders who attended the Annual Ho-Chunk Tribal Aging Picnic, held June 15 at North Wood County Park near Arpin, WI.

Following songs by the Hee-wah-shee-pee Singers (Martin Falcon, Samson Falcon, John Falcon, Valene Falcon, Gabriel Falcon and Mathew Mann) of Black

River Falls and the posting of colors by Marlon and Joe WhiteEagle, members of the Sanford WhiteEagle American Legion Post 556 in Wisconsin Dells, the elders grabbed the dobbers and enjoyed 10 games of BINGO that offered various prizes.

Following a lunch that was prepared and served by TAU staff members from various locations, TAU Advisory Board Chairperson, Parmenton Decorah presented

blankets to the past TAU Directors at the picnic; Annabelle Lowe, Sidney Lewis and Betty Kingsley. Also recognized were Rebecca Greendeer, Wayne Falcon and Marie Lewis who could not be present. Decorah stated that plaques would later be presented to the families of the late Iva LaMere and Barry Blackhawk for their dedication and contributions to the Ho-Chunk TAU while serving as TAU Directors.



BINGO was the main source of entertainment at the Annual TAU Picnic.



The Hee-wah-shee-pee Singers greet the elders at the annual picnic. Joe (left) and Marlon WhiteEagle post the colors.



Past TAU Directors Annabelle Lowe (left), Sidney Lewis and Betty Kingsley were recognized for their past contributions to the TAU program.